

Missouri Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2001
11am-4pm
Governor's Office Building, Room 316
Jefferson City, MO

Attendees:

Mike Murray, USA Cycling, Inc.
Martin Pion, Lab/Conservion
Williard Worts, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Bob Kirkman, Jackson County Wheelmen
Angela Herman, Department of Health and Senior Services
Lee Orth, Branson Chamber Soft Adventure Committee
Lisa Goorjian, Department of Natural Resources
Arnold Meysenburg, Conservation Federation
Terry Whaley, Springfield MPO
Mike Schilling, Citizen
Andrew Clements, City of St. Joseph/MPO
Dave Bedan, Audubon Missouri
Larry Welty, MoDOT District 6
Ivie Wills, MoDOT
Dave Edwards, FHWA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS were made.
- II. Several gave REPORTS on various bike/ped issues that their organizations are addressing. Lisa Goorjian discussed the Katy Trail links and their progress in Kansas City and in Columbia. Terry Whaley reported on Ozark Greenways projects still in the works. Angela Herman discussed "Walk Your Children to School," a campaign to promote walking to school. Also discussed was a home to school transportation study that is being conducted in 20 counties around Missouri by the Department of Health. More details will follow as results become available. Dave Bedan reported that more Audubon centers are being constructed to try to connect various trails. He mentioned a few Columbia trails including the Katy Trail and Bear Creek Trail. There was discussion about signalized bike/ped walkways and the need for more of them. Mike Murray mentioned that he was being included in a panel for discussion in this year's Governor's Conference on Transportation. He will discuss various bike/ped issues and represent the committee at this event. Martin Pion reported on the effectiveness of the "Street Smarts" program. He is also working on donations from the University of Missouri and Boeing. This is in an effort to get them to match FHWA funds to help with bike/ped programs. Willard Worts also discussed "Street Smarts". Jefferson City will be hosting a bike race on the 4th of July, 2002. Details will be

provided as they become available. Andrew Clements discussed a study by the city of St. Joseph. This study will be used to find out if people are bike riding and where they are biking to. This study will also help to address some safety concerns. The city also has a new website. It can be reached through the MPO website. Lee Orth reported on the Branson Soft Adventure Club, noting that it is gaining notoriety. There is work on a trail in Indian Point and the Branson area is working to educate the community about the positive health effects of bicycling. Larry Welty discussed his role as interim bike/ped coordinator for MoDOT and how he provides a link between MoDOT and the committee. There was a correction to the minutes of the last meeting. Section IX should read "Springfield currently has a ¼ cent sales tax ballot initiative that will create revenue for parks and recreation." A motion to approve the minutes was given by Martin Pion and seconded by Mike Schilling. The minutes were approved as corrected.

- III. LUNCH. Mike Murray passed around a newspaper article concerning Farm Bureau's resolution to create a sales tax for transportation.
- IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING- Jim Dickson from MoDOT gave an outline of the committee's strategic plan. The roles of a number of MoDOT key officials were discussed and how they related to the effectiveness of the committee. There was discussion about MoDOT's expectations of the committee and Larry's role. The bike/ped coordinator full-time position has not been filled as of yet. The committee is concerned that with a lack of a full-time coordinator that perhaps some bike/ped needs are being overlooked. Dave Edwards was asked to detail FHWA's position on the bike/ped coordinator. FHWA requires that MoDOT keep a bike/ped coordinator on staff at all times, but the position does not have to be full time, so with Larry acting as interim coordinator part-time, MoDOT is filling its requirements.
- V. A PRESENTATION was given by Martin Pion relating to bike education classes and hazards. The presentation included statistics related to safe biking and walking. There was discussion relating to bicycle versus pedestrian safety elements.
- VI. Andrew Clements inquired about the requirements of the membership committee. He asked for the committee's input on perhaps reorganizing the committee and filling leadership positions. The bylaws of the committee will be examined and requirements of membership will be addressed and perhaps members who are not able to devote an appropriate amount of time to the committee should find replacements. Members should give their nominations for chairman and vice chairman to Andrew by the next meeting. At that time, members will vote.
- VII. STREET SMARTS- Larry discussed the feedback from the reply cards that were inserted in the Street Smarts booklets. This information was distributed and discussed. The committee decided to continue to provide these inserts in the booklets as they gave the committee a good insight into who these booklets are reaching and how effective they are.
- VIII. UPDATE ON MODOT- Larry reported on MoDOT and its bike/ped issues. The standards team is working on updating the bike/ped manual. They will meet in January to decide where to go from here. The routes team is discussing MRT development. On September 22 there was a ribbon cutting at the newest addition

- of the MRT trail. Larry also discussed the need for bike lanes on several bridges. Five upper states also developed additions as well. Martin Pion reported on "Share the Road." This program is providing street signs for roads to help make bicyclists and motorists aware of each other. Several designs of the signs were presented and the committee made comments. The effectiveness of these signs was discussed and Martin and Mike gave some personal testimony.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS- Mike Murray discussed issues dealing with the MRT trail. He also discussed some information that he had received concerning a new organization forming on transportation issues. The organization is asking for committees and individuals to become charter members and help them promote more effective transportation. Andrew Clements moved and Mike Schilling seconded the motion to involve the MoBPAC committee. Discussion ensued as to whether the Commission should be involved in the title of the committee. Discussion decided against it and the charter will be signed Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Also, the accessibility to the bike/ped site on the MoDOT website was discussed. Some suggestions will be made in order to help make the site more easily accessed.
- X. Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is set for March 5.